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1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MET OCTOBER 8 WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION ALLAN WAGNER TIZON AND HEAD OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT JAIME ALVAREZ CALDERON ABOUT PERUVIAN PROPOSAL TO REDUCE/ELIMINATE ILLEGAL COCA PRODUCTION. PROXIMATE REASON FOR WAGNER TO CALL IN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WAS INVITATION TO FONMIN TO NAME A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COCA STUDY SUB-COMMISSION (PARA 3 LIMA 8045), WHICH COULD INVOLVE U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. PRIOR TO CALLING ON WAGNER, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR HAD SUGGESTED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL DIAZ POMAR OUTLINE HIS PROPOSAL TOWAGNER.

2. WAGNER IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH A BROADER MATTER THAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR GAVE FURTHER BACKGROUND INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION OF A THREE-STEP PRELIMINARY APPROACH INVOLVING GOP ACCEPTANCE OF A STUDY OF COCA CROP SUBSTITUTION AND A U.S. \$20,000 CONTRIBUTION
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TOWARD SUCH A STUDY: A GOP DECREE ESTABLISHING A SMALL,

HIGH-LEVEL GROUP TO OVERSEE THE DRAFTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A BROAD COCA REDUCTION PLAN; AND POSSIBLY A PILOT COCA ERADICATION PROJECT IN AN AREA SUCH AS TINGO MARIA.

3. WAGNER SAID THE SMALL, HIGH-LEVEL GROUP WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT. HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT FONMIN SUPPORT DIAZ POMAR'S EFFORTS TO HAVE SUCH A GROUP NAMED.

4. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DREW UPON REPORT OF DE LA PUENTE/MAW/SHLAUDEMANN TALK IN NEW YORK ABOUT NARCOTICS COOPERATION TO UNDERLINE FONMIN'S INTEREST. HE ALSO REFERRED TO PENDING MATTER OF RENEGOTIATION OF EXTRADITION TREATY, AND WAGNER SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS IN FONOFF. ALVAREZ CALDERON NOTED THAT GOP RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDING PROTOCOL TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION WOULD BE THE FASTEST WAY TO MAKE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AN EXTRADITABLE OFFENSE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO PERU'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS REGARDING COCA PRODUCTION AND NOTED THAT THE GOP HAS NOT MOVED TO MEET THESE UNDERSTANDINGS.

4. COMMENT: WE HOPE THIS MEETING WILL HELP TO BRING INTERESTED ELEMENTS OF THE FONOFF TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF A GOP-WIDE COCA REDUCTION EFFORT.
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